

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

March 8, 2021

11:00 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES
WebEx Conference Call
Remote locations

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman
David Clemons, Director of Operations
Nicholas Childs, Designee
John McCarthy

Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Department of Fire Services
Department of Environmental Protection
Massachusetts Association of Hazardous
Materials Technicians

Board Members Absent:

None

DFS Employees Attending:

David DiGregorio, Director
Timothy Gallagher, Deputy Director
Korina Senior, Program Coordinator

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DFS Employees Absent:

None

Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

► ***Meeting Opening and Introductions – 11:08am***

Chief Bailey began opening the meeting and introductions were made by attendees stating their presence and capacity.

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of January 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2021 was offered by Jack McCarthy. The motion was seconded by David Clemons. No discussion. Roll call taken, all were in favor.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► **a. Discuss and potential vote on team appointments and/or transfers.**

DiGregorio states we have an appointment letter from District 4 Chief Zellman of Turner Falls. The letter recommends Jose Vazquez of Agawam Fire Department. Motion made by Jack McCarthy to accept the recommendation made by the steering committee. Motion seconded by David Clemons. Discussed the member is current and just took the requal course.

► **b. SOGs.**

Deputy Director Gallagher shares three SOGs with the Advisory Board. Current Operational standards, 101 Mission Statement, 209 Entry Team Leader, and 205 Tiered response. Only a few changes made. In the future SOGs will be sent before the meeting to discuss.

► **c. Dispatch**

Director DiGregorio states we are working with MEMA to transfer the dispatch services to MEMA. The phone numbers will remain the same. We plan to transfer July 1.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► **a. Discuss vehicle locations.**

Director DiGregorio states we have a home in Leominster, We are hoping to move 21 in Wilmington now to Belmont pending the new Chief decision. Truck 61 will then move to Wilmington. Truck 71 will be moving to Springfield.

► **b. Discuss the Academy Hazardous Materials course.**

Director DiGregorio states a requal class took place in February. The actual Hazmat Tech class going to have two parts to it. Part A for Pro-Board certification. Part B is needed in order to apply for the Hazmat Team. If taken the Pro-Board within the past five years they can take part B. Class will be offered in April.

Agenda Item #5 Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

All voting members stated there were no additional matters.

Agenda Item #6:

► **Next Meeting Date**

Monday, May 10, 2021 at 11:00am.

Agenda Item #7:

► **Adjournment 11:26 a.m.**

■ A Motion to adjourn was offered by Jack McCarthy. Adjournment seconded by David Clemons. No further discussion. Roll call was taken by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned.